



April 23, 2018

Honorable Members of the Budget and Finance Committee
c/o Richard Williams, Office of the City Clerk
Room 395, City Hall
Los Angeles, CA 90012

SUBJECT: THE LOS ANGELES HOMELESS SERVICES AUTHORITY – COMMENTS RELATIVE TO THE PROPOSED BUDGET FOR FISCAL YEAR 2018-19

In accordance with the Budget and Finance Committee Chair's request on February 27, 2018, the Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA) respectfully submits for your consideration the agency's comments relative to the Mayor's Proposed Budget for Fiscal Year 2018-2019.

Peter Lynn
Executive Director

The Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority, in collaboration with various City of Los Angeles (City) Departments, is tasked with implementing data-driven solutions focused on identifying the most appropriate and timely housing options for our homeless residents. LAHSA recognizes the difficult decisions facing the Mayor and Council, and greatly respects the long-term commitment the City has made to addressing homelessness.

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FY18-19 Budget Requests

The Mayor's proposed budget addresses critical needs and supports the mission LAHSA is tasked with. There are, however, a few crucial requests that we would respectfully ask the Budget and Finance Committee to consider making as part of their FY 2018-2019 Budget.

Coordinated Entry System – Crisis Housing for Families

Request: Appropriate \$6,500,000

Impact: LAHSA saw an unprecedented increase in homeless families in FY17-18, and our ability to address the increased demand depended on use of \$13 million in one-time Measure H funding. Increased demand for services by homeless families persists, and we request this funding increase to provide 180 additional crisis housing units for families in the City of Los Angeles.

Coordinated Entry System – Rapid Re-Housing for Families

Request: Appropriate an additional \$2,200,000.

Impact: As with the requested funding increase for crisis housing for families, we project an increased need to provide rapid re-housing services to place them into permanent housing. We therefore request \$2.2 million for rapid re-housing for families homeless in the City of Los Angeles, which will assist 141 families.

Coordinated Entry System – Rapid Re-Housing Singles & Youth (SPA 5 & SPA 6)

Request: Appropriate \$5,000,000.

Impact: We value the City's initiative to place 15 new shelters Citywide with an anticipated capacity of 100 beds per shelter. To ensure that there is sufficient flow through the proposed new resources by placing shelter users into permanent housing, we request the City appropriate an additional \$5 million, which would provide rapid re-housing services to an additional 500 households.

I request that the Budget and Finance Committee consider the additional funding for the items outlined above.

Thank you for the opportunity to address additional areas of need in the 2018-19 budget. I greatly appreciate the proposed increases in funding in several areas for LAHSA programs and operations in the coming year. My staff and I look forward to the continued support of the Mayor and Council as we work with the City Administrative Officer and the Chief Legislative Officer to address homelessness across the City of Los Angeles.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Peter Lynn', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Peter Lynn
Executive Director

Cc: Matt Szabo, Office of the Mayor
John Chavez, Office of the Mayor
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